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**DEL RIO MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON IN
COCAINE-FOR-HAND GRENADES CASE**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Alvaro Larios of Del Rio, Texas, was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for trading two ounces of powder cocaine for 15 hand grenades.

During the last two weeks of December 2005, Larios contacted an undercover agent, believing that the agent was an illegal arms merchant, on several occasions and left messages for the agent to call him back. On January 19, 2006, the agent called Larios during which time Larios requested that the agent provide him with 30 grenades and some AK-47 rifles for his "people in Mexico." During the week of February 20-24, 2006, Larios again contacted the agent requesting hand grenades. On February 28, 2006, the agent agreed to provide 15 hand grenades to Larios in exchange for two ounces of cocaine. On March 1, 2006, Larios delivered two ounces of cocaine, approximately 56.7 grams, to the agent in exchange for 15 hand grenades.

On August 30, 2006, Larios pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a destructive device in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorneys Don Calvert and Mark Roomberg prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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